Commemorative Services for Superintendent Thirland Daniels

JULY 30, 1915 - OCTOBER 19, 1987

Favorite Scripture

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."

-PROVERBS 3:6

In Loving Memory Of
Superintendent Thirland Daniels

Born: July 30, 1915
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Departed: October 19, 1987
Berkeley, California

Memorial Service
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1987 - 5:00 P.M.

At The
MISSIONARY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Allston Way & Byron Streets
Berkeley, California

Funeral Services
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1987 - 1:00 P.M.

At The
GOOD SAMARITAN CATHEDRAL
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
625 West MacArthur Boulevard
Oakland, California
BISHOP GERMAN R. ROSS, PASTOR

Officiating
BISHOP GERMAN R. ROSS
Jurisdictional Bishop
California North Central Jurisdiction

Master of Ceremonies
SUPERINTENDENT D.R. MURRAY

Obituary

Thirland Daniels, was born to his parents, William Henry and Willie Louie Daniels on July 30, 1915 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He was the second child and first son born to this union which ultimately included eleven children - five boys and six girls.

Thirland received his education in the schools of Pine Bluff - Missouri Street and Newton Junior High School. He finished his formal education in Oakland, California at Merritt Business College in 1952.

He united with the St. Paul Baptist Church of Pine Bluff, under the leadership of Reverend J.F. Clark.

He moved to East St. Louis, Illinois in 1936 in pursuit of employment.

In St. Louis, Missouri, he was united in Holy Matrimony to Ruth B. Jones of Altheimer, Arkansas on September 24, 1937.

A most significant event in his life was his conversion to Holiness (Pentecostal) at McCasland Church of God in Christ, East St. Louis, Illinois, under the leadership of Elder William Alexander.

With the outbreak of World War II, he was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served as a Medical Corpsman, in Conscientious Objector status. While serving in the military, he explored the Western states including Colorado and California. After the military, he moved to Berkeley, California on September 1, 1948, where he has resided ever since.

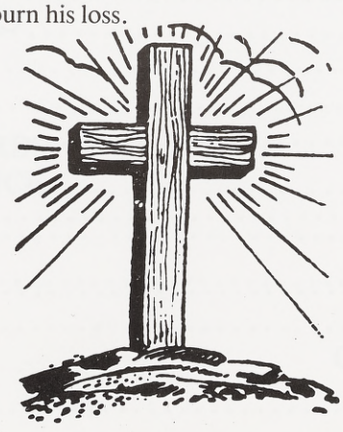
Employment in the Bay Area has been in Federal Government service, first with the Veterans Administration Hospital and finally with the Naval Supply Center from June 1950 - February 1972.

Thirland Daniels in moving to Berkeley, united with the Carleton Street Church of God in Christ (now Ephesian C.O.G.I.C.) under the leadership of Elder Samples. Shortly afterwards, he was appointed a deacon under the leadership of Elder E.E. Cleveland. Thirland was appointed Head Deacon and was shortly thereafter called to the Ministry. Elder Cleveland then appointed Elder Daniels as Assistant Pastor of Ephesian C.O.G.I.C. where he served until 1960. Elder Daniels then established the Missionary Church of God in Christ at 10th and Bancroft Way in Berkeley.

Missionary Church of God in Christ grew and prospered on Bancroft Way and in 1967 moved to its present location, Allston Way and Byron. The church has become a major community resource, serving as the first West Berkeley Senior Center and continuing until the present as a center for community care and sharing concerns.

Elder Daniels has served as District Superintendent of Oakland District #2 (now Greater Harvest District) since 1968; under the Leadership of the late Bishop I. Finley and presently, Bishop G.R. Ross. He has also served as Jurisdictional Treasurer and Finance Chairman for fourteen years. He was elevated to Chairman of the General Board in 1984 and served faithfully in all these positions until the Lord called him home. His record is a reflection of a faithful servant dedicated to the work and ministry of the Lord. He always joyfully answered the call of duty.

Superintendent Daniels endured a very short illness and expired on Monday, October 19, 1987. He is survived by: his wife of 50 years, Mrs. Ruth B. Daniels; five God-given foster children, Kenneth Baptiste, Lamont, Lanier, Valeire Bennett, and Levitris Brown Ross. In addition nine brothers and sisters survive Elder Daniels. These include brothers, William Henry Daniels, Jr., Peter Floyd Daniels, Bobby Wayne Daniels, and sisters, Justine Brown, Rosa Belle McKissic, Doretha Thomas, Zereta O'Neal, Junelda Jefferson and Eloise Pugh. There are numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and ten foster grandchildren who mourn his loss.



Memorial Service

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1987 - 5:00 P.M.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Elder Charles McKinney

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Sister Sharon Choyce
Sister Carmen Means Marshall

VIEWING OF REMAINS

SELECTION..... Congregation
"What A Fellowship"

INVOCATION..... Elder Sam Fortune

SCRIPTURE..... Minister Gordon Choyce
Proverbs 3:1-6, St. John 14:1-4

SELECTION..... Inspirational Choir
"Never Alone"

EXPRESSSIONS: (Two Minutes)..... Elder S. Teague
Elder W. Peals
Sister Ann Scoggins - Care And Sharing, Inc.
Brother Walter Murray

SELECTION..... Diane Robertson
"Never Let Go His Hand" "All That I Need"

EXPRESSIONS..... (Auxiliaries)
Joseph Andrews - Supt. Church School
Mother Annie Williams
Caleen Fulcher - Youth Department
Mother Leona Mikell

SOLO..... Sister Carmen Marshall

SCRIPTURAL MEDITATION..... Elder Ulysses Davidson

BENEDICTION..... "Blessed Assurance"

Order of Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1987

ORGAN PRELUDE.....

VIEWING OF REMAINS.....

PROCESSIONAL.....

SELECTION.....Jurisdictional Choir

MASTER OF CEREMONIES.....Superintendent D.R. Murray

SCRIPTURES: Old Testament:
Proverbs 10:4-10:22, Elder E.E. Savage
New Testament
St. John 14:1-4 verses, Supterintendent G. Bluford

INVOCATION.....Superintendent L.L. Ransom

CONGREGATIONAL SONG.....''Something Mighty Sweet About The Lord''

EXPRESSIONS: (Two Minutes).....Elder Lloyd Hornsby
Dr. L.A. Anderson
Elder Joe King

TRIBUTE.....Elder B.S. Rogers

SOLO.....Sister E. Bonner
''Got To Move To A Brand New Home''

SPECIAL TRIBUTE: (3 minutes each).....Missionary B. Copher

Representing Women's Department.....Assistant Mother M.F. Willis
International Supervisor of Women.....Mother M. McGlothen
Representing Pastors & Elders.....Elder S. Teague
Representing Superintendents.....Superintendent A.D. Willis
Representing Official Staff.....Superintendent P.A. Williams
Representing General Board.....Superintendent L. Germany

RESOLUTIONS.....Missionary Church of God in Christ
California North Central - Dr. W.C. Perry, Executive Secretary

SELECTION.....Jurisdictional Chori

INTRODUCTION OF JURISDICTIONAL BISHOPS.....Elder Q.C. Simmons

Bishop B.R. Stewart.....Northern California First
Bishop E.E. Cleveland.....California Evangelist
Bishop L.B. Johnson.....California North East
Bishop W.W. Hamilton.....California North West

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARDS,
TELEGRAMS AND CONDOLENCE.....District Missionary Ora Peals

OBITUARY.....(Read in Silence)

SELECTION.....Jurisdictional Choir

EULOGY.....Bishop German R. Ross
California North Central Jurisdiction

RECESSIONAL.....

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of his Spirit, wash'd in his blood.
Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, Fill'd with his goodness, lost in his love.

CHORUS

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Leaning on Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how sweet a walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

CHORUS

Leaning, leaning, Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
Safe and secure from all alarms.

Something Mighty Sweet About The Lord

Something Mighty Sweet About The Lord
Something Mighty Sweet About The Lord
Eyes Haven't Seen, Ears Haven't Heard
Something Mighty Sweet About The Lord.

Honorary Pallbearers

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS

Active Pallbearers

DR. GEORGE MURRAY - ELDER JOHNY COX
ELDER DARYL WINSTON - ELDER ROOSEVELT BESS
ELDER RICKY WILLIAMS - ELDER LAWRENCE MONTGOMERY

Interment

ROLLING HILLS MEMORIAL PARK
Richmond, California

WE THANK YOU

Perhaps you sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a flower, if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say
Perhaps you are not here at all, just thinking of us on
this day. Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much. Whatever the part.

MISSIONARY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

In Appreciation

The Family of Superintendent Thirland Daniels, greatly acknowledge the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended during this period of bereavement.

In Charge

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